

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims shall replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant Application.

1-20. (cancelled)

21. (new) A method for making a multilayer product comprising on an olefinic polymeric backing selected from the group consisting of homopolymers or copolymers of ethylene, propylene and butylene, and at least one wear layer comprised of ionomeric copolymers, the wear layer having a top surface and a bottom surface, wherein the method consists essentially of the following steps:

- preheating the backing at a temperature between 100°C and 130°C,
- cold application of the bottom surface of the wear layer on the preheated backing to make a wear layer-backing assembly,
- melting the wear layer at a temperature between 120°C and 180°C in order to ensure that it adheres with the backing,
- cooling to bring the product to a temperature close to room temperature.

22. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein the bottom surface of the wear layer further comprises a layer comprised of a composition selected from the group consisting of olefinic polymers containing a metallocene, olefinic homopolymers and olefinic copolymers.

23. (new) The method of claim 22 wherein the bottom surface of the wear layer is comprised of low density polyethylene.

24. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein the wear layer further comprises a top coated surface of polyurethane.

25. (new) The method of claim 22 wherein the wear layer further comprises a top coated surface of polyurethane.

26. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein the olefinic polymeric backing is selected from the group consisting of high density polyethylene, low density polyethylene, linear low density polyethylene, linear very low density polyethylene and metallocene polyethylene.

27. (new) The method of claim 21 wherein the olefinic polymeric backing further comprises mineral fillers selected from the group consisting of calcium

carbonate, magnesium carbonate, calcium sulfate, barium carbonate, barium sulfate, kaolin, pyrogenated silica, aluminum hydrate and expanded graphite.

28. (new) The method of claim 26 wherein the olefinic polymeric backing further comprises mineral fillers selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, magnesium carbonate, calcium sulfate, barium carbonate, barium sulfate, kaolin, pyrogenated silica, aluminum hydrate and expanded graphite.

29. (new) The products obtained according to the process of claim 21.